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NEUROTRAUMA ADVISORY BOARD (NTAB)

MEETING MINUTES

April 28, 2017

Present: Rita Manriquez, Scott Sagum, Molly Trihey, Stella Wong, Valerie Yamada, Lyna Burien

Excused: Milton Takara

Others: Violet Horvath, Director, Pacific Disabilities Center, HNTR; Dylan Arrieta, Program Coordinator, Pacific Disabilities Center, HNTR; Cora Speck, Queen's Medical Center; Tina Robertson, Queen's Medical Center Tele-stroke; Dr. Matthew Koenig, Queen's Medical Center; Ben Trivino, CEO of Bikeshare Hawaii

DOH Staff: Curtis Inouye, Neurotrauma Supports; Chelsea Ko, Neurotrauma Supports; Cristina Valenzuela, Neurotrauma Supports

I.

II. **Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order at 1:45 p.m. by Chair Scott Sagum. Quorum present.

III. **Approval of Minutes from the February 24, 2017 meeting** – Board Member Cora Speck made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Board Member Molly Trihey seconded that motion. All Board Members present voted in favor of minutes being accepted as written. No questions or discussions.

IV. **Review of Agenda** – All Board Members present voted in favor of accepting the agenda. No questions or discussions.

V. New Business

A. Draft Neurotrauma Brochure:

A draft of the Neurotrauma brochure was presented to the Board for review and comments. The following suggestions were made:

- To include a cautionary statement for readers to call 911 immediately if they or someone they know are experiencing any symptoms
- Edits to certain contents; bold lettering, darker subtitles, consistency in formatting, and grammar

Additional suggestions and/or comments may be emailed to Neurotrauma Supports

VI. Old Business

A. Queen's Medical Center: Request for Funds (Matter of Balance):

The Matter of Balance is an 8-weeks course that address all common fears of falling and indicators of someone who is at risk. A proposal submitted by Cora Speck, of Queen's Medical Center, requests funds to bring two trainers from Maine to teach the 8-weeks course to 20 master trainers. The master trainers will then be equipped to train lay leaders who would provide the matter of balance in community settings.

A report to Congress was distributed to the Board summarizing the program's cost savings and cost benefit analysis.

The following topics were briefly discussed during the meeting:

- The 20 master trainers will be a mix of people from all islands who are committed and will be invested in the program
- A modification was made to the travel budgeted amount for neighbor islands master trainers to travel to O'ahu
- Board Member Stella Wong made a motion and Board Member Molly Trihey seconded that motion to utilize the Neurotrauma Special Fund to fund the A Matter of Balance Training. All Board Members present voted in favor of the motion.

B. Pacific Disabilities Center/ Hawaii Neurotrauma Registry (HNTR) Update:

(From the HNTR Report distributed during the last meeting, as reported by Violet Horvath and Dylan Arrieta)

- The current HNTR contract ends May 19, 2017. If the requested additional five months of funding and the no-cost extension of two-months are approved, the new contract end date would be December 19, 2017.
- As of March 31, 2017, there are 196 unique individuals in the Hawaii Neurotrauma Registry

- Changes were made to counter the perception that the survey took a long time to fill out
 - Removed questions about second and third neurotrauma injuries. Yes/no question inserted asking if respondent has additional neurotrauma injuries. If yes, Project Coordinator follows up by phone and asks about all other neurotrauma injuries
 - Some minor changes were made on a few questions regarding question responses and response formats
 - Question skip logic was inserted where appropriate
- The HNTR Newsletter was revamped to focus on local issues
 - March 2017 - Brain Injury Awareness month
 - May 2017 – Stroke Awareness month
 - July 2017 – Focus on Spinal Cord Injuries
 - Interested individuals/ groups may subscribe and/or register an upcoming event at HawaiiNT@hawaii.edu
- Project Coordinator is re-contacting previous groups from past presentations and contacting potentially new groups who might be interested in a stroke, traumatic brain injury, and spinal cord injury presentation.
- All data entry for Year 4 has been completed – next step is to run statistics

C. Hawaiian Islands Regional Stroke Network (HIRSN) Update:

(From the HIRSN Report distributed during the last meeting, as reported by Dr. Matthew Koenig)

- The tele-stroke project completed 55 calls and treated 24 patients with tPA
- The Neurotrauma Supports fund allowed for neighbor island individuals to attend the American Heart Association quality meeting. The 2-day meeting provided educational awareness on stroke care, tele-stroke, and recognizing stroke symptoms
- The Kahuku Medical Center will be launching its tele-stroke service soon; awaiting final set-up of the hospital's Wi-Fi system
- Kaiser Permanente will take over the Maui tele-stroke service beginning July 1st
- An EMS super-user account, that generates report cards on quarterly basis, has a yearly fee of \$2100 that is paid out of the Neurotrauma funds. Dr. Koenig is requesting another \$2100 to pay for a second super-user account. DOH Staff Curtis Inouye said the request may be submitted after July 1st

D. Legislative Update:

Per Lyna Burien, the old Neurotrauma bill did not make the hearing process, however there are two concurrent resolutions. One of the concurrent resolutions will be heard next week Monday.

E. Brain Injury Association (BIA) of Hawaii Update:

No new updates

Curtis Inouye requested an existing list of BIA members; would like to find ways to add more activities to the agenda

F. Neighbor Island TBI Activities Update:

- Board Member Rita Manriquez helped to promote the Hope Hawaii Disabilities Pacific Center. Brochures were distributed and given to the American Disability Association
- Chairperson Scott Sagum helped start a transportation company for people with medical challenges. He conducted a presentation to raise funds to upgrade the company vans. The company is doing well because of the present need in the community

G. DOH Update:

- Neurotrauma Supports recently welcomed its newest staff, Cristina Valenzuela. She is filling the third position, working alongside NT staff Curtis Inouye and Chelsea Ko

VI. **Announcements**

A. Brain Injury Association of Hawaii

Support Group and Educational Meetings

- First Saturdays, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific, Conference Room #4.
- 2nd and 3rd Wednesdays, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific, Wo Conference Room #4

VII. **Next Meeting:**

Date: June 23, 2017

Location: Kalanimoku VCC and Neighbor Island Sites

Time: 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:20 p.m.